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REMARKS

Examiner Lhymn has rejected claims 1-6 of the present application. For the reasons which follow, applicant respectfully traverses this rejection of the Examiner. The applicant does, however, wish to extend appreciation to Examiner Lhymn for the quite detailed review of the claims of the present invention leading to the finding of patentable subject matter of the claims of the present application and an indication of the allowability of claim 7 if rewritten.

Claim 5 has been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.


Claim 7 has been amended to be in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claims 5 and 6. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 7 and the claims which depend therefrom are in condition for allowance for the reasons recognized by Examiner Lhymn. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has cited the United States patents listed in NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED A and B of the Office Action dated October 20, 2006 and as C-E of the Office Action dated April 20, 2006. By the lack of application of these references and others like them within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicant's carrying apparatus which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner, whether those references are taken singly or in any combination, the Examiner is requested to allow claims 2-4 and 7, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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